

ARKANSAS BROILER HATCHERY



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ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS 7 PERCENT BELOW LAST YEAR

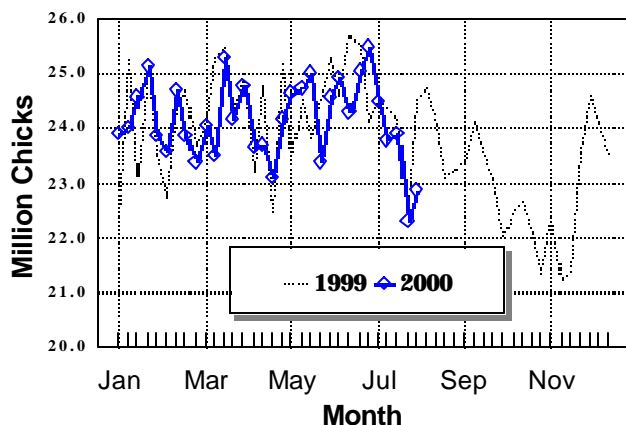
Broiler-type **chicks placed** for meat production in Arkansas was 22.9 million during the week ending August 5, 2000, according to the Arkansas Agricultural Statistics Service. Placements were 7 percent below the comparable week in 1999, but 2 percent above the previous week, and included 2.3 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2000, through August 5, 2000, were 772.8 million, down slightly from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type **chicks hatched** for the week was 24.9 million, up 1 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, and 5 percent above the previous week. Of the total hatch, 3.7 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 81.9 percent.

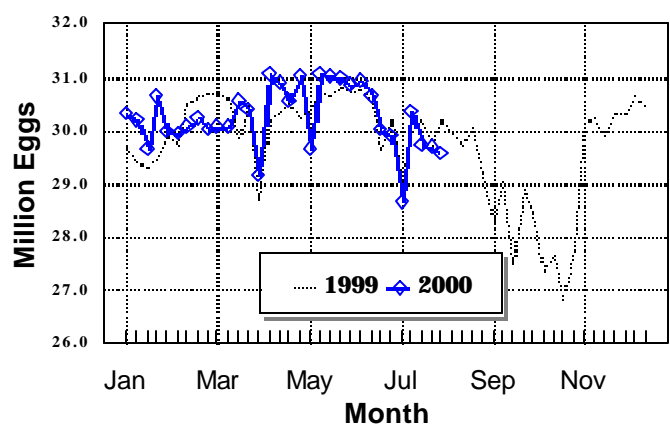
Arkansas hatcheries **set** 29.6 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending August 5, 2000, down 2 percent from the same period last year and slightly below the previous week.

Week Ending	NET PLACEMENTS			CHICKS HATCHED			EGGS SET		
	1999	2000	% Change	1999	2000	% Change	1999	2000	% Change
	<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>		
Jul. 1	24,146	25,510	106	25,529	25,970	102	30,204	29,917	99
Jul. 8	24,544	24,510	100	25,258	25,693	102	28,938	28,673	99
Jul. 15	24,386	23,772	97	24,575	25,140	102	30,271	30,353	100
Jul. 22	24,166	23,887	99	24,991	24,911	100	30,168	29,752	99
Jul. 29	22,543	22,315	99	23,850	23,611	99	29,721	29,692	100
Aug. 5	24,520	22,852	93	24,702	24,853	101	30,205	29,564	98

CHICKS PLACED IN ARKANSAS, 1999 - 2000



EGGS SET, 1999 - 2000



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BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 15 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2000

EGGS SET (in Thousands)						CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
STATE	Week Ending				1/	Week Ending						1/
	15-Jul	22-Jul	29-Jul	05-Aug	%	01-Jul	08-Jul	15-Jul	22-Jul	29-Jul	05-Aug	%
Alabama	28,535 *	28,670	28,687	28,937	105	21,712	21,545	20,645	20,859	20,195	21,596	106
ARKANSAS	30,353	29,752	29,692	29,564	98	25,510	24,510	23,772	23,887	22,315	22,852	93
Delaware	4,145	3,989	4,027	3,969	89	5,593	5,488	5,752	5,075	5,384	4,364	83
Florida	2,876	2,720	2,649	2,684	104	2,549 *	2,324	2,396	2,373	2,354	2,303	91
Georgia	29,823 *	30,458	30,488	29,801	96	25,426	25,438	23,522	23,947	24,024 *	23,037	89
Maryland	8,474	8,328	8,485	8,432	97	5,937	5,480	5,617	5,375	5,081	6,154	104
Mississippi	18,013	18,168	18,149	17,931	99	15,456	15,173	14,461	14,650	14,661	15,218	99
N. Carolina	17,222 *	17,886	17,854	18,372	104	14,447	14,509	14,305	13,325	13,817	14,013	99
Pennsylvania	3,615	3,662 *	3,844 *	3,676	101	2,622	2,514	2,843	2,540 *	2,817 *	2,665	96
S. Carolina	4,850	4,747	4,822	4,828	105	4,579	4,105	4,138	4,222	3,443	3,659	106
Texas	13,425 *	13,167 *	13,337 *	13,355	100	11,370 *	11,337 *	11,485 *	9,775 *	10,714	10,299	103
Virginia	6,472	6,253	6,703 *	6,388	97	5,038	5,234	5,473	5,205	5,492 *	5,357	102
CA TN & W VA	11,052	10,764	10,945	9,180	81	9,888	9,572	10,066	9,722	10,267 *	9,813	102
TOTAL 2000	178,855 *	178,564 *	179,682 *	177,117		150,127 *	147,229 *	144,475 *	140,955 *	140,564 *	141,330	
TOTAL 1999	182,678	181,666	179,814	179,885		147,213	146,774	145,196	143,251	142,036	144,959	
% PREV. YEAR	98	98	100	98		102	100	100	98	99	97	
APPROXIMATE MARKETING DATE 2000.....	19-Aug	26-Aug	02-Sep	09-Sep	16-Sep	23-Sep						

* Revised . 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

EGGS SET IN 15 MAJOR BROILER PRODUCING STATES DOWN 2 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-state weekly program set 177 million eggs during the week ending August 5, 2000. This was down 2 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 82 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED DOWN 3 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 15-state weekly program placed 141 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 5, 2000. Placements were down 3 percent from the comparable week in 1999. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2000, through August 5, 2000, were 4.54 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.